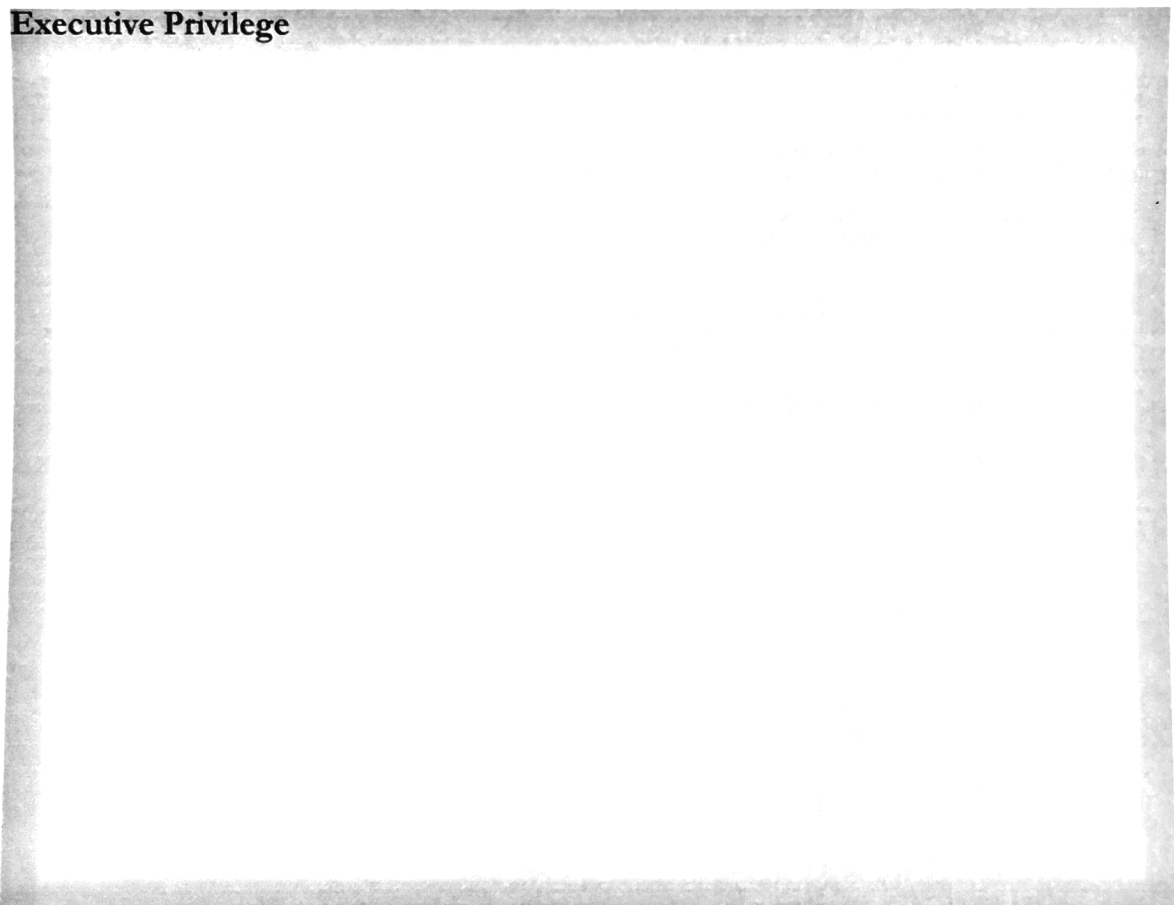


From: Wilcox, Lacy J (GOV)
To: Peterson, Darwin R (GOV)
Subject: FW: Current Comments
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From: Wilcox, Lacy J (GOV)
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 1:58 PM
To: Walker, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW: Current Comments

Governor,

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Thank you,
Lacy

From: Jordan Shilling [<mailto:Jordan.Shilling@akleg.gov>]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 1:41 PM
To: Wilcox, Lacy J (GOV); McClanahan, Natasha S (GOV)
Subject: FW: Current Comments

Hey all –

It sounds like the Governor's "policy advisor on criminal justice" (who I've never met or heard of) put together a document – a comprehensive summary – of feedback and concerns from numerous organizations, including APOA, PSEA, APDEA, CDVSA, ANDVSA, STARR, Victims for Justice, and more. After receiving all of that feedback, after months of teleconferences, roundtables, and thoughtful consideration of the data and research, she painstakingly compiled them into a document for the Governor's review.

Instead, what she really sent was a word-for-word copy of a document Gerard Asselin (President of APDEA) sent me over a month ago (at my request) to explain some changes they would like to the bill. Literally verbatim (see e-mail below).

She has blatantly misrepresented her role and the origins of the document. What's most alarming is that the document is grossly inaccurate. A month ago (April 21st -- when the document was authored) it was significantly more relevant. Since then, many of the concerns have been resolved in SB 91 or explained in further detail to clear up misunderstandings. At the very least, Amanda should have updated Gerard's document before forwarding it to the Governor of Alaska as "policy advice". It's clear she has no compunction with back-dooring her own agenda.

Here's what's most insulting on a personal level: our office actually did the work Amanda purports to have done. We have done the hundreds of hours of conference calls. We have done the hundreds of hours of meetings. We have made the hundreds of changes to the bill in response to those meetings. Whatever she has done, we have done it one hundred times over. I imagine John would share my sentiments. It's insulting that her plagiarized, misrepresented drivel would even be considered by the Governor.

Jordan

From: Gerard Asselin [<mailto:president@apdea.org>]
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Jordan Shilling <Jordan.Shilling@akleg.gov>
Cc: Grace Abbott <Grace.Abbott@akleg.gov>
Subject: Current Comments

Jordan,

Thanks for the call last night. Per your request, I attached a rough list of updated concerns from the APDEA. Please excuse the informal nature given the tight timeline. Some may be easy while I understand that others are more complex. As I said, their are fundamental underlying concerns with the structure of the legislation that persist therefore we cannot support the bill. If you all are able to incorporate some of the listed items or address the concerns because you feel it the right thing to do, that would be great. I know the officers on the street would appreciate what ever can be done to soften the negative consequences.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need some clarification.

Thanks,
Gerard



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